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SKILL DEVELOPMENT & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 21st February 2024

SUBJECT—NANO Unicorn Scheme on promotion of entrepreneurship at grassroots level.

No. 1558—SDTE-SD-MISC-0013/2022-SDTE.—Government of Odisha in the Skill Development & Technical Education Department have been pleased to introduce and implement a new scheme called NANO Unicorn from the date of issue this notification.

The Nano-Unicorn Scheme is an attempt to tackle the problems of skilled unemployment youths in Odisha by promoting entrepreneurship among them at the grassroots level. The scheme aims to identify the youths with entrepreneurship potential and to provide them the required seed money (maximum up to rupees one lakh only) through a refundable loan assistance in order to generate livelihood for themselves through self-employment.

The scheme will address the issue of distress migration, reduce the local unemployment problems specially in rural and tribal sub-plan areas of the State, promote overall economic well-being of local youth, bridge the regional imbalances and reduce poverty.

The scheme has been designed to cater to “Skilled-in-Odisha” youth i.e., alumni of ITIs/ Polytechnics of the State, World Skill Center, Bhubaneswar and centers conducting short term skill trainings at district level under S.D. & T.E. Department.

The detailed guidelines of the scheme is being published separately for information of all concerned.

ORDER—Ordered that the Notification be published in the extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette* and copy of the same be supplied to all Departments of Government/all Heads of Departments/ Assembly Secretariat/Accountant General (A&E), Bhubaneswar.

By order of the Governor

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Principal Secretary to Government